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SUBJECT: SADAT ON IMPORTANCE OF NILE TO EGYPT

1. IN COURSE OF MAY30 PRESS CONFERENCE SADAT WAS ASKED
WHAT EGYPT WOULD DO IF SUDAN, WITH WHICHEGYPT HAS
"ALLIANCE", BECAME INVOLVED IN FIGHTING IN ERITREA.
SADAT REPLIED IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO SUDAN, IT "MATTER
OF LIFE OR DEATH FOR EGYPT" AND "WE SHALL JOIN THE FIRST
MOMENT WITH THE SUDANESE."

2. QUESTIONER REFERRED TO STATEMENT BY GOE MIN OF
AGRICULTURE ABUL ATA THAT ETHIOPIANS, WITH HELP OF
RUSSIANS, ARE BUILDING DAM IN LAKE TANA, THE SOURCE OF
BLUE NILE. WHEN ASKED FOR COMMENT, SADAT REPLIED EGYPT
DEPENDS "100 PERCENT" ON THE NILE AND IF ANYONE "THINKS
OF DEPRIVING US OF OUR RIGHTS WE SHALL NEVER HESITATE".
WHEN ASKED IF THIS MEANT HE WOULD GO TO WAR, SADAT
REPLIED YES AND REPEATED THAT IT MATTER OF LIFE OR
DEATH. MATTHEWS
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